

[25th July, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

(c) Allocation of non-plan revenue assistance is done on the basis of recommendation of the Finance Commission.

Ban on recruitment in Regional Rural Banks

234. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken with regard to withdrawal of "Ban on recruitment" in Regional Rural Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) The ban on recruitment in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), which was imposed *due to* their precarious financial condition, is still continuing. However, a Working Group to study and evolve long term scientific staffing norms for RRBs had been constituted by the Government. The Working Group has recently submitted its report to the Government. A decision to lift the ban or otherwise would be taken after examination of the Report of the Working Group.

Limit on Bonus

235. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the limit of Bonus in respect of workers and employees of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The proposal to amend the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 so as to raise the eligibility limit and calculation ceiling is under consideration of the Government in the Ministry of Labour.

Departmental Exam for JMGS-I in SBI

236. SHRI V.P.DURASAMY:

SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: